



ORDERED in the Southern District of Florida on December 23, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mindy A. Mora".

Mindy A. Mora, Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
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In re: Case No.: 19-24278-MAM
Robert E. Okon and Judith Lynne Chapter 7
Okon,
Debtors.

**ORDER (I) GRANTING DEBTORS' MOTION TO DISMISS CASE
(ECF NO. 126) AND (II) IMPOSING 180 DAY PREJUDICE PERIOD
AGAINST REFILING**

THIS MATTER came before the Court on December 16, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. (the "Hearing") upon the above-captioned *pro se* Debtors' *Letter Construed as a Motion to Dismiss Case* (ECF No. 126) (the "Motion to Dismiss"), the chapter 7 trustee's ("Trustee") motion for turnover of property (ECF No. 117) (the "Turnover Motion"), and *Trustee's Motion to Deny Debtors' Discharge Based Upon Prospective Failure to*

Turnover Estate Property (ECF No. 162) (the “Motion to Deny Discharge”). Counsel for Trustee, counsel for creditor National Labor Relations Board (“NLRB”), and Debtor Robert Okon (“Mr. Okon”) attended the Hearing.

At the Hearing, Mr. Okon advised the Court that Debtors sought dismissal to attempt to negotiate a payment plan with creditors outside bankruptcy. Mr. Okon also indicated that Debtors are financially unable to proceed in bankruptcy and cannot afford to obtain new counsel.¹ Counsel for the NLRB did not oppose dismissal but requested a prejudice period of 180 days against refiling. Trustee opposed dismissal and indicated that he intended to proceed with the Turnover Motion and Motion to Deny Discharge.

For the reasons set forth on the record, the Court has determined that dismissal of the above-captioned chapter 7 case for cause is appropriate. Therefore, being fully advised in the premises and for the reasons stated on the record at the Hearing, the Court hereby **ORDERS and ADJUDGES that:**

1. The Motion to Dismiss is **GRANTED**, and the above-captioned case is **DISMISSED**.
2. The Turnover Motion (ECF No. 117) and Motion to Deny Discharge (ECF No. 162) are **DENIED** as moot.
3. Debtors Robert E. Okon and Judith Lynne Okon are hereby barred from filing a bankruptcy petition anywhere in the United States, under any

¹ Debtors’ prior counsel withdrew his representation of Debtors on September 9, 2020 (ECF No. 134).

chapter of the United States Bankruptcy Code, for a period of 180 days from the date of entry of this Order.

4. Any bankruptcy petition filed by Robert E. Okon or Judith Lynne Okon in violation of the provisions of this Order shall be deemed void *ab initio* and shall not operate as an automatic stay.
5. All other pending motions and objections are denied and overruled as moot.
6. The Clerk of Court is directed to close the case.

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All interested parties by Clerk of Court